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LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN DIVORCE RATE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the revelations made by web portals that the divorce rate in the country has gone up by 100 per cent in the last five years;

(b) if so, whether this alarming trend is vitiating peace in the society and is breaking traditional values; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to arrest this trend?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a): Government does not subscribe to or authenticate the information released by private web portals.

(b): In the absence of any authenticated data and information in respect of divorce rate/ number of cases of divorce, it is not possible to give any specific comments in the regard.

(c): By way of strengthening the institutional mechanism for settling family disputes, including matters related to divorce, the Central Government has been encouraging the State Governments to establish Family Courts in each district. The Central Government bears 50% of the cost of construction of Family Court building and also the annual recurring cost of running such a Family Court. So, far, 190 Family Courts have been established in the various States. State Governments have been requested to set up Family Courts in each district.